and contractors for supply of armaments which are manufactured in this Ordnance factory also;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to maintain quality, credibility and secrecy of the armaments and to check its adverse effect on the future of the employees of this Factory?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No complete armament is manufactured in the Ordnance factory, Kanpur. Only assemblies/components used in the manufacture of armaments and various types of ammunition hardware are manufactured in that factory.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

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Job Reservation to Fishermen in Visakhapatnam Port Trust

4931. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the job reservation facility to fishermen in Visakhapatnam Port Trust; and

(b) if so, tne details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Trade Between India and France

4932. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the trade between India and France;

(b) whether the Government have also identified various sectors for increasing Indo–French collaboration and attracting French investments in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Steps taken to increase the trade between India and France include (i) regular bilateral discussions at official and Ministerial level, exchange of trade and industry delegations, and (ii) participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, seminars, training programmes and buyer–seller meets.

(b) and (c). Some possible areas identified for increased French investment in India are computer software, food processing, telecommunications, pollution control, chemicals, solar energy, etc.

Shipping Tonnage for Inter–port Movement of Cargo

4933. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the shipping tonnage available in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to enhance the shipping tonnage for inter–port movement of cargo; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?